

REMARKS

In this response, claims 2-36 have been canceled, and claims 37-56 have been added. The added claims are fully supported by the specification as filed and as such do not add new matter. The canceled claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Rejections of Claims 2-11

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,573,927 (Parulski). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Parulski in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,122 (Anderson). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Parulski in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,062,230 (Ishiguro). Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Parulski in view of Ishiguro and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,977,680 (Ichihara). These rejections are now moot in response to claims 2-11 being canceled.

New Claims

New claims 37-56 have been added to recite new novel features that do not add new material, and support for the added claims may be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed. Parulski, Anderson, Ishiguro, and Ichihara fail to disclose each and every element of claims 37-56.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned with any remaining comments or questions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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